



**STATE OF WASHINGTON**  
**DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES**  
**Aging and Long-Term Support Administration**  
**PO Box 45600, Olympia, WA 98504-5600**

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**ALTSA: AFH #2014-022**

**FORMAL PHASE OF PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO CHAPTER 388-76 WAC**

Dear Adult Family Home Provider and Interested Parties:

In July 2013, the department filed a CR-101 to begin the rule-making process for amending Chapter 388-76 Washington Administrative Code (WAC), Adult Family Home Minimum Licensing Requirements.

The department recently filed the CR-102, a more formal phase of the rule-making process. The CR-102 (WSR 14-21-134), including proposed rule language, is available on the Aging and Long-Term Support Administration (ALTSA) internet website under "AFH Rule Filings" at <http://www.adsa.dshs.wa.gov/professional/afh.htm>.

The department's purpose in filing the CR-102 is to add and amend sections to Chapter 388-76 WAC to comply and be consistent with state laws:

- Substitute House Bill 1629 Home care aides—Credentialing and continuing education;
- Engrossed House Bill 1677 Adult family homes—Multiple facility operators;
- Substitute House Bill 1686 K-12 schools—High school equivalency certificates;
- Substitute Senate Bill 5077 Statutes—Gender-neutral terms;
- Senate Bill 5510 Vulnerable adults—Abuse;
- Substitute Senate Bill 5630 Vulnerable adults—Adult family homes; *and*
- Changing "boarding home" references to "assisted living facility", in accordance with RCW 18.20.020.

Highlights of the intended changes include the following:

- Extends timeframes and establishes a provisional certificate for home care aide certification;
- Exempts registered nurses and licensed practical nurses from continuing education requirements applicable to long-term care workers;
- Removes the twelve-month waiting period for providers of multiple adult family homes to apply for licensure of additional homes due to change of ownership;
- Changes several terms, including *ombudsman*, *developmentally disabled*, *mentally ill*, and *boarding home*; and
- Changes the definition of neglect.

You may either submit comments in person at the public hearing listed below or in writing to the department's Rules and Policies Assistance Unit (RPAU). The formal hearing for the proposed rules is scheduled:

Date: *December 9, 2014*  
Time: *10:00 a.m.*  
Location: *Office Building 2 – Lookout Room*  
*1115 Washington Street SE, Olympia, WA 98504*

Public parking is at 11th and Jefferson. A map is available by calling (360) 664-6094 or on the internet at <http://www.dshs.wa.gov/msa/rpau/RPAU-OB-2directions.html>

Submit written comments by 5:00 p.m. on December 9, 2014 to the following address:  
*DSHS Rules Coordinator/RPAU*  
*P.O. Box 45850*  
*Olympia, WA 98504-5850*

Or by e-mail to [DSHSRPAURulesCoordinator@dshs.wa.gov](mailto:DSHSRPAURulesCoordinator@dshs.wa.gov)

If you have questions about the proposed rules, please contact Christi Pederson, Program Manager at (360) 725-3204 or e-mail at [pedercl@dshs.wa.gov](mailto:pedercl@dshs.wa.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Carl I. Walters II." with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

Carl I. Walters II., Director  
Residential Care Services

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